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From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: National Retardant Contract COR Workshop DD: March 15, 2002

Please see the attached memo on the National Retardant Contract Workshop to be held in Sacramento, California, on March 20 and 21, 2002. Air tanker base managers designated as Contracting Officer's Representatives or inspectors are encouraged to attend. Please send nominations as outlined in the memo, and cc a copy to Sean Cross at Sean.Cross@nifc.blm.gov. Thank you.

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National Retardant Contract COR Workshop-1 pg.

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To: Interagency Fire Directors

REPLY REQUESTED BY MARCH 15, 2002

Last year was the first year for implementation of the 2001 Long-term Retardant contracts. There were some concerns about these contracts elevated to the National COR, Branch Chief, Equipment and Chemicals, as well as the Contracting Officer. It is very important that we have consistent interpretation and application of the contract provisions. We have asked NIFC Contracting to assist in this endeavor.

On March 20, 2002, the National Retardant Contract Contracting Officer, Frank Gomez, will provide a one day workshop to assist the field in understanding the 2001 National Long-term Retardant Contract terms and conditions. The objective will be to provide an overview of the contractual language and address questions concerning the National Bulk Contract, National Full Service Contract, and Retardant Portable Base EERAs. A review of contract clauses for consistent understanding and intent of the contract language in field applications will be undertaken. The target audience for this workshop are those interagency air tanker base managers designated as COR's or inspectors working directly with the Retardant contracts having questions or concerns needing to be addressed. Regional ACO's for the Retardant contracts are also invited to attend.

The meeting will be held in Sacramento, California, starting at 1 p.m. on March 20, 2002, and running through 12 noon on March 21, 2002. A block of rooms has been set-aside at the Sacramento Inn at the government rate of \$79.00 plus tax. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel direct at (916) 922-8041.

Please send nominations to Paul Solarz (psolarz@fs.fed.us) no later than March 15, 2002. Questions can be directed to Paul at (406) 329-1037 or Frank Gomez at (208) 387-5347.

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